

**BULLETIN
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

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SUBJECT: Reminder concerning E-Rate Audits by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

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This bulletin is a reminder about cooperating with contractors auditing school districts' receipt of funds under the FCC's E-Rate fund. Auditing for the current cycle is scheduled to begin in December, 2008.

The original bulletin states: "As long as audit protocols are followed, Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) may share individual children's information with authorized FCC auditors." Please refer to Policy Memorandum 29-2008 dated July 8, 2008 for more specific information.

In addition, FCC auditors do not have the authority to conduct verification of applications for free/reduced price school meals. Therefore, FCC auditors cannot contact households or other sources (such as assistance agencies or employers) to confirm the information on the application.

FCC auditors may:

- Ensure the information on the application was accurately processed.
- Confirm that the children listed on rosters as eligible for free or reduced price meals have approved applications on file; and
- Confirm that the number of children used for statistical purposes is based on approved applications.

Any discrepancies in these areas must be brought to the attention of the LEA.